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'Spirit Of '76' Presented At Top Of The Ocean

By Frankie J. Donahoe

A Panorama of Fashions would best describe the afternoon presented by the Matrons Club of Tacoma on February 16, 1976. The occasion was the 23rd Annual Scholarship Benefit sponsored by the organization.

Narrators for the fashion show were Mr. Harold Moss, Deputy Director of the Tacoma Urban League and Mr. Martin Wyatt, Channel 5 Sportscaster. They were capable, able, and ready with quips that maintained a relaxed atmosphere throughout the event. After the luncheon, models displayed a professional method of projecting to the audience the quality and beauty of the outfits worn.

Officers of the Organizations are Mrs. Donney Adams, President; Mrs. Sue Harris, Vice President; Mrs. Wilda Booker, Secretary; Mrs. Helen Stafford, Treasurer, Mrs. Ruebena Barzar, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Juanita Owens, Sgt. at Arms, Mrs. Ozetta Allen, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Tynie Sherls, Chaplain and Mrs. Hattie Harden, Historian.

President Ford answers Jordan's complaints

The White House has answered charges made by Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League, as he spoke in Portland and across the nation about President Ford's State of the Union Message: "There was not one single reference to Black people or other minorities in the whole speech, not one! Not one damn word!"

"Nothing about the government's role in enforcing the civil rights laws, nothing about the disproportionate sufferings Black people have endured in the current Depression, nothing about mob attempts to deny Blacks their constitutional rights in desegregated schools.

"Nothing about the needs, the hopes, the aspirations of the largest minority group in the country, the most urbanized people in our nation of cities, the majority of the population in the nation's Capital -- nothing, not one word!"

The White House memo to the Black press states, "President Ford, in his State of the Union Message, dealt with a number of issues of critical concern to the Nation's Black citizens.

"Throughout his address, President Ford proposed recommendations on subjects like energy, housing assistance and child nutrition -- subjects which bear directly on the lives of all the country's citizens, especially its minorities and poor."

Jordan says of the Message, "Instead of the long-awaited institution of a national health insurance program that assures everyone, rich or poor, of high quality, comprehensive health care, we get a proposal for some kind of major medical expense coverage for Medicare recipients and a vague hope that some day there might be some form of a plan to widen middle class participation in private insurance programs.

"Now that's just not good enough. It doesn't deal with the issue at all, which is how can we as a society construct a health care system that delivers quality services to all, regardless of race or income?"

"Welfare is treated the same way. The President says it isn't 'the right time for massive and sweeping changes while we are still recovering from the recession'. But now is exactly the right time to replace the welfare system with an income maintenance program that includes a universal refundable income tax credit."

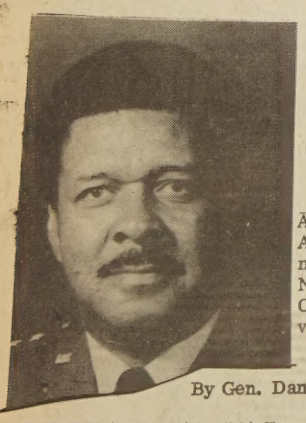
"President Ford also announced that he would submit later this year legislation granting him authority to adjust various income assistance programs to make them more consistent, equitable and efficient, "The White House memo continues, "There is widespread agreement that the current income assistance programs are unwieldly, costly and that some needy persons receive insufficient help while others receive more than they should have. Jordan responds, "He put forth the idea that 'massive national programs' were tried and that they failed. He lamented the supposed shift in emphasis from defense to domestic spending which supposedly unbalanced our economy.

"Anybody here remember Vietnam? That war cost over $200 billion, shifting money from the domestic economy to war waste and inducing the inflation and depression of the early 70s. That, not the feeble social programs of the 60s is what turned our economy sour."

The White House Memo explains, "An improving economy is often the key factor in the determination or disposition of countless programs of major importance to Blacks. As one economist catches the sniffles, specific but worthwhile programs may come down with pneumonia.' To further bolster the economy, the President called on Congress to reduce Federal taxes and to curb Government spending and to work toward a balanced budget in Fiscal Year 1979."

Jordan says, "Again, the same sort of 'thinking small' comes through on jobs, for the President says 'our kind of government cannot create that many jobs.' Why not? That sounds more like an argument for changing our kind of government than it does as a reason for accepting intolerable unemployment rates."

"The President said: 'It is time we quit downgrading ourselves as a nation.' To which I say, 'amen', but indulging in the new rhetoric of smallness, propogation myths, and refusing to recognize our social and racial problems is in itself a way of downgrading our country and its potential."



By Gen. Daniel James, Jr.

Black History "Education

Air Force General Daniel James, Jr., America's highest ranking black military officer is Commander of the North American Air Defense Command. Gen. James recently visited McChord AFB.

McCHORD AFB, WA., (MAC) -- The National Black History observance was initiated in 1926 and set aside a week to recognize contributions made by Black Americans in the development of our country. In this, our Bicentennial year, the observance has been expanded to include the entire month of February. Recent years have brought an increased and healthy awareness of achievements by this segment of our society that for too long were obscured and unsung. Emphasis on these achievements in our schools and colleges and in daily community life places in timely perspective benefits of all Americans working together for the general well-being of our society.

This Bicentennial year offers an opportunity to pause, reflect and note the contributions made by America's largest minority group. After two hundred years as a Nation, it is also time to put the most unfavorable and negative aspects of our past behind us; not to ignore them or deny that they existed, but recall them only to assess the progress we have made.

Black Americans who have remained committed to American democracy throughout our history should be proud that they stood the test of time, creating worthwhile institutions within the confines of often limited equality. It is appropriate, as we celebrate the National Black History observance, that we rededicate our efforts to insuring all Americans, regardless of heritage, have the opportunity to achieve the American dream. Hopefully, our efforts will result in this great Nation reaching its full democratic potential.

Black History Program - 'Two Hundred Years Of Freedom?'

by Frankie J. Donahoe

The above heading appeared on the stage of Truman Jr. High School during a Black History program presented by the students on Feb. 20, 1976. The program consisted of a solo rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", a fashion show, poetry reading, a play and a dance.

Those participating in the activity were Robin McNeil, Delores Young, Caroly Fletcher, Phil Carter, Vivian DeArmond, Yoko Bradley, Janice Hayes, James Brown, Cynthia Knight and Wayne Sweet.

The tempo of the morning was set with the introduction given by Robin McNeil: "We, the Black students here at Truman Jr. High School, would like to express our pride in our culture by presenting this Black History program. By sharing our culture with you, we hope you will develop an appreciation for our Black Heritage".

The program was coordinated by Mr. Chico McClatcher, coordinator of ESAA at Truman. Mr. McClatcher is involved with the Emergency School Aid Act in an effort to improve human relations among all students with emphasis on the development of pride through multi-cultural activities. Mrs. Peyton, counselor at Truman Jr. High also assisted in bringing about the success of this event.

'Tambourines To Glory' A First In Tacoma

by Roger O. Laskey

Black Arts/West's production of "Tambourines to Glory" by Langston Hughes on February 22 was a first for Tacoma. And those tambourines and the cast were really fired up for the occasion!

It is an understatement to say that the audience enjoyed the play. For those of you who missed the production, you really did miss a treat.

Sonny Byers and the other musicians really carried the beat--and the choir set the place on fire!

The play was a dramatization of a very old problem, that of Good vs. Evil--God slightly plagued by the devil. But with God (as always) winning in the end.

Senate Pages

The attractive Barbara Henderson, 16-year-old junior at Bellarmine Prep School in Tacoma, is shown sitting at the desk of Senator Joe Stortini during her tenure as page. Barbara, who writes for her school paper, also writes an article for the Tacoma Facts--"Something to Think About". She is interested in pursuing a career in Journalism. Shown with her is a friend, Christine Miller.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SOCIETY OF MILITARY WIDOWS TO MEET

The Society of Military Widows will hold their March meeting on the 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the McChord NCO Club.

The guest speaker will be Thomas McVickers of the VFW. He will speak on the benefits of the Military Widow. New members are welcome.

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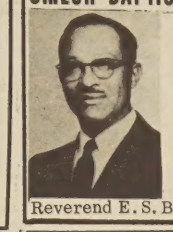

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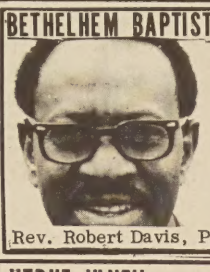

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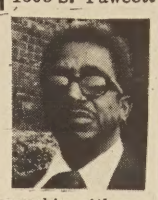

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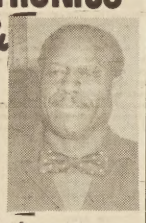

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OBITUARY

Michael Allen Stephens Mourned

Michael Allen Stephens, 16, of 2508 South 13th departed this life early Tuesday Morning, February 10, 1976 at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington after suffering from Muscular Dystrophy for many years.

He was born November 24, 1959 in Tacoma to Robert Jr. and Mary (Taylor) Stephens and grew up here. He was baptized into the Protestant faith. He was a student at Truman Junior High School.

Those whose lives he brightened besides his loving parents, include three sisters, Misses Kathy, Marian and Margaret-Ann all of the home, two grandfathers, Mr. Fletcher Nalls of Tacoma, Mr. Luther Colum of Ayers, Massachusetts, one aunt, Mrs. Lillie Carnes of Tacoma and three cousins.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 1976 at the Hill Top Chapel, the Rev. Sister Edna Travis officiating and were directed by the staff of the House of Scott Mortuary.

He was buried Thursday morning at the Tacoma Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Jessie Lee Bright Passes

MR. JESSIE LEE BRIGHT, 54, of 1628 East 34th, departed this life early Wednesday morning, February 11, 1976 at American Lake Veterans' Hospital in Lake City - Tacoma, Washington.

He was born November 5, 1921 in Childsville, Oklahoma to Virgil and Mittie (Hayes) Bright, both of whom precede him in death. He was raised in Boley, Oklahoma and left there at the age of 22 to serve in the U.S. Marines. After his discharge he travelled freely around the country and came to Tacoma in 1949.

He was loyal and obedient to everyone. He was well liked and will be missed by all.

Those whose lives he brightened include his sister Mrs. Cleo Edwards and one aunt, Mrs. Beatrice McDonald, both of Los Angeles, California and a host od other relatives, and his friends with whom he lived for the past fourteen years in Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 14, 1976 at the Hill Top Chapel in Tacoma, Washington. The Rev. L'Ray Scott officiating and were directed by the staff of the House of Scott Mortuary.

His remains were flown to Los Angeles to the Inglewood Cemetery-Mortuary where a second service was held February 17, 1976, 2 p.m. at The Chapel of the Chimes, the Rev. Newman officiating.

His final resting place is the Inglewood Cemetery.

Finer Womanhood Observance

The ideal of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is: Finer Womanhood.

The time designated for Finer Womanhood Observance is the last full week of February and the month of March.

In keeping with the ideal of Finer Womanhood and the Observance of the ideal, Eta Mu Zeta, Tacoma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has planned a series of activities which will occur during designated time; however, one of the highlight activities is an Open Forum entitled "1976: The Identity of the Young Black Woman in the 'Integrated' Society". The forum will be held March 4, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. at the Colored Women's Clubhouse, 2316 So. Yakima.

The goal of the forum is to provide an opportunity in which community citizens - men, women, youth, middle age, seniors, parents, educators, ministers, social workers, lawyers, policemen, etc. - may participate together in an open forum around the issue of the identity of the young Black Woman in the 'integrated' society, identifying specific areas of interest and concern.

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Something To Think About

By Barbara Henderson

So many people think that money is everything. They work themselves to death trying to make some, or they even come to the point where they would sell something of great value for it (must not have been TOO valuable, hunh?) They want to get to the point where they are financially secure.

I've heard many sisters brag about their men, saying, "I got a good thing - my man has lots of cash, a fancy apartment and a bad ride." What's so good about that? These materialistic values are very impressive; however, what do you want to do - impress? We already know he treats you like he would a bank - feeds you money. But how does he treat you as a person?

Black people need to stop playing money games and be realistic with each other as well as themselves. A Mercedes Benz, flashy clothes or a nice house doesn't define a good thing to me. A good thing, to me, is someone who understands where I'm coming from and respects me and my ways!

Throw away phoney materialistic values and take a look at your man or woman. What does he/she have that you want? Love and understanding should be at the top of your list. Dig it!

Women's Day Speaker

Julia M. Burton says, "It's all in a day's work" as she was cited as speaker for the 5th Sunday in February at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Mrs. Burton is a member of Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ. As a teacher with Tacoma public schools, she is in addition a nurse, a cosmetic therapist, a notary public and her most recent achievement is as a Red Cross instructor for the standard first aid course.

She also holds a TA degree, and AA from Tacoma Comm. College, and a BA from Pacific Lutheran University.

The "busy" lady as she is called by some, is heading for Africa this summer to set up mission schools and to teach academics, Bible, basic nursing and first aid classes. She has been a licensed missionary for 27 years and toured East Africa with PLU in the interim of 1972.

Julia has just finished writing a resolution for the International Missionary Relay Teams COGIC, has received appointment to Africa, and has been named International Director of the Relay Teams.

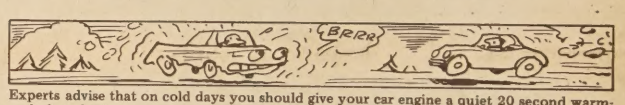
Julia says "thanks" to a lot of wonderful people who have made all of this possible. "There are many needs for the missions", she says. A fund to help the project has been opened at Puget Sound Bank, 19th and Union branch under "Missionary Relay Teams". Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Special ProgramOn Civil Rights

The special interest program team of National Public Radio will provide an in-depth examination of "New Directions for Civil Rights" during a nationwide "call-in/call-out" program which will be broadcast locally by KTOY Radio on 91.7 FM, Saturday, February 28 at 11:30 a.m.

For two and one-half hours, program panelists will address the questions of NPR listeners throughout the country while also placing calls to distinguished leaders in the civil rights movement. NPR's program hosts include Joseph Rauh, general counsel for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), president M. Carl Holman of the National Urban Coalition, and Clarence Mitchell of the Washington, D.C. bureau of the NAACP. Moderator is Paul Brock of the LCCR.

During the program, calls will be placed to such civil rights activists as Caesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers; Jesse Jackson of PU$H; Roy Wilkins of the NAACP; Vernon Jordan of the National Urban League; and Coretta King of the Martin Luther King Foundation.



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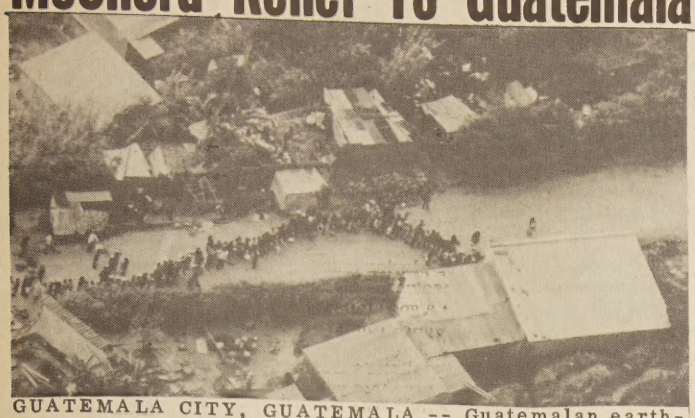

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA -- Guatemalan earthquake refugees wait in long lines for their turns at one of the many facilities set up to treat them for injuries, provide food, clothing, and other necessities. More than 300 military personnel from the Panama Canal Zone are in Guatemala providing much needed assistance.

GUATEMALA CITY -- This is an airlifter's view of a hillside on the outskirts of Guatemala City. The quake caused a landslide completely smashing dozens of homes.

CHIMALTENANGO, GUATEMALA -- An earthquake victim is looked after by staff medical personnel of the U.S. Army Field Hospital. The field hospital was airlifted into Chimaltenango by McChord based C-141 Starlifters.

HOWARD AFB, PANAMA CANAL ZONE -- Tons of relief cargo are loaded aboard a McChord AFB C-130 Hercules bound for Chimaltenango, Guatemala.

McCHORD AFB, WA., (MAC) -- As the relief effort goes on and the death toll continued to skyrocket, Air Force crews from the Seattle-Tacoma area are returning with firsthand experiences and photographs of the Central American disaster.

McChord AFB c-130 aircrews of the 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron have been temporarily assigned to Howard Air Force Base, Panama Canal Zone, since October. From their vantage point in the Central American Isthmus, the McChord crews have been responsible for a major portion of the U.S. airlift operation in Central America.

McChord aircrews were among the first to arrive in Guatemala City, only 18 hours after the initial quake occurred. Since the initial alert, the Panama based Hercules aircraft have flown at least two missions each day into cities in Guatemala airlifting more than 125 tons of precious cargo. The early missions carried supplies of medicine, clothing, purified water, and blankets. These were follwed shortly afterward by missions airlifting communications equipment, vehicles, and tents. They are also transporting doctors, cooks, surveyors, and other essential personnel to the more devastated cities of Guatemala.

As the relief effort got into full swing, McChord was tasked to send two of its huge C-141 Starlifters into the operation. The State Department and Association for International Development chose crews from McChord's 62nd Military Airlift Wing to assist in moving an entire U.S. Army field hospital consisting of more than 100 beds and more than 200 medical personnel to Chimaltenango, Guatemala, one of Central Amer-

BOYS' CLUB NEWS

* Basketball -- Game scores for the week of February 9 thru 14 are:

TBC BLAZERS	- LOST	ESBC PARENTS	- WON
Score is unknown			
TBC PARENTS	- 44	ESBC CHENEY	- 37

Still keeping toward their goal of the eight grade City Championship, the TBC Parents are tied for first place in the league with six wins and no losses. The team players who helped make this possible are as follows: Gerald Dillingham, Ronnie Warren, Kelly Ruston, Tony Powers and Owen Chambers.

TBC PONYS	- 30	SEBC TROJANS	- 47
TBC LAKERS	- 24	ESBC HARMON	- 32
Mike Burrell scored 18 points			
TBC BOOSTERS	- 15	SEBC JERRY'S EXXON	- 14

Joe Smith and Billy Velie scored 5 points each for high point men of the game. Kevin Young got the last second rebound to win the game. Good work team!

* Boxing -- On February 13 the Downtown Tacoma Boys' Club Boxing Team went to Marysville Smokers Tournament. Out of six bouts, two were hometown decisions and Tacoma had one winner: Anthony Jamison, who won over Mike Deloney in the 125 lb. division.

On Feb. 21 and 22, the boxing team went to the Pacific Northwest Junior Golden Gloves Tournament in Seattle at the Wallingford Boys' Club. The results of that tourney are as follows: In the special senior division there were two unopposed champions--Butch Warren won the 139 lb. division, and Anthony Dotson won the 119 lb. division. Benji Isaac won the 95 lb. division for the 10 and 11 year-olds. Terry Prater was runner-up in the 85 lb. division fo 13 and 14 year-olds. Coe Norvell lost the championship in the 118 lb. division for 14 and 15 year-olds.

* Special Parents' Club Meeting -- There will be a special meeting for all the parents' clubs. The meeting will be held at the Heidelberg Brewery in Olympia on Friday evening, April 2nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. The brewery will provide your favorite beverage and popcorn only. We urge all club members to attend. For more information you may call the Boys' Club at 272-3044. The next regular Parents' Club meeting will be on March 10.

* Candy Sale -- The Boys' Club is sponsoring a candy sale for the athletic department. The sale began February 18 and the candy is from the Brown & Haley Candy Co. Please support our athletic department and buy some candy from our club members. All boys who will be selling candy will have their membership cards. Staff and members of the Boys Club wish to thank you in advance for your support.

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By Frankie J. Donahoe

The Tacoma Chapter of Links, Inc. and friends provided the audience for Tad Mosel's "All The Way Home." The original setting of the play was in and around Knowville, Tennessee. Proceeds support the United Negro College Fund. Mary Wilson was the chairperson of the affair that began with a cocktail hour. Margaret K. Williams is the President of the Tacoma Chapter of Links, Inc. The production was presented in the Lakewood Playhouse-Villa Plaza.

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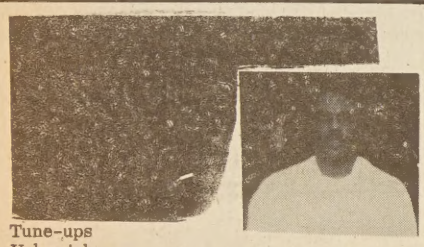

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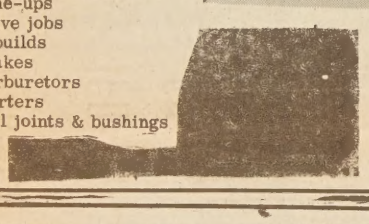

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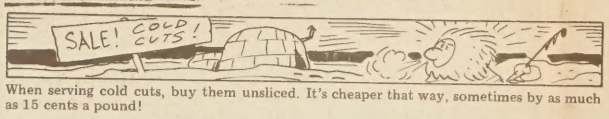

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